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SUBJECT **Subcommittee Report December 10th, 2008**

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The committee met on December 3rd. Members participating in the discussions (including other email communication): William Munson, Charles Peters, Kevin Simon, Rebecca Achée Thornton, Dana Wierzbicki and Simon Bott. Richard Kasschau attended as a guest.

The following documents and other issues were discussed:

UC 9846 08F Distance Education Decision Issues — no action necessary

The decision to stop offering Distance Education courses via Channel 8 and Cable outlets was critically discussed.

The Associate V.P. Instructional Support and Outreach sent data that demonstrated a recent drop in students for both types of courses. He also noted that this was not an academic decision in terms of course offerings, but in terms of the infrastructure of HOW courses were offered. It costs \$60,000 a year to use Channel 8 and the cable companies were about to charge extra fees.

The subcommittee felt that this decision impacted more than implied by these concerns:

- a) there is a loss in visibility of the university by not having late-night offerings on TV,
- b) the quality of the material broadcast is such that it needs to be utilized in some way, and the suggested on-line vehicles do not do the quality justice,
- c) there are still numerous non-traditional students who are not comfortable with on-line instruction.

The subcommittee feels strongly that alternatives to this decision be explored. These might include, but are not limited to, negotiations about price with KUHT; other forms of support based on, for example, the marketing impact of televised courses, etc.

UC 10042 08F HRM Freshman Admission Requirements — Approved 12/10/08

HRM proposes slightly more selective requirements for FTIC admission into the college.

The subcommittee approved this requirement, noting the international reputation and acknowledged excellence of the college.